

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 14-29 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 17-48 are active. Claims 14-16 are withdrawn. Claim 1 is amendment to include the allowed limitation of Claim 8. Claim 9 is amendment to reflect the amendment to Claim 1. New Claims 49-51 are added. Support for new Claims 49-51 is found in original Claims 14-16. Claims 7, 10-27 are canceled without prejudice. No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-5, 9, and 28-51 will be active.


Allowed Claim 8 is rewritten in independent form as amended Claim 1. Since Claims 2-5, 9, and 28 are dependent on allowable Claim 1, these claims are allowable too.

Claim 29 is allowed. Claims 30-51 are dependent directly or indirectly on allowed Claim 29. Thus, Claims 30-51 are allowed too.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is kindly requested that the Examiner pass this application to issue. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in this application are now in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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